

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masatake Nukui et al. : Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
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For: X-RAY CT SYSTEM AND :  
BEAM-HARDENING POST- :  
PROCESSING METHOD :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Prior to the examination of this Application, please amend the Application as follows: